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1. Embezzlement and stealing are common occurrences in Yugoslavia. Many instances of embezzlement in Yugoslav industry and commerce have been discovered, and the offenders sentenced and imprisoned. However, they are well treated in the prisons, and are easily released by means of various amnesties or on individual conditional probation. Those released do not have difficulty in finding employment with Yugoslav state enterprises.
2. In one known case, a person released from prison after serving a term for embezzlement was arrested and jailed a second time for the same type of offense.
3. While embezzlement is prosecuted, stealing on weights and measures by shop employees in Belgrade is tacitly tolerated. Buyers in shops get at least 10% less in weights or measures than they pay for. Profits acquired in this way by the shop are divided among the employees and are known as "net profit". This practice is probably tolerated by the authorities because they are unable to check it.
4. The morale of the majority of young employed people in Belgrade is not good. They are apathetic and concerned with finding the means with which to live. Although their wages are inadequate, they do not budget their money but spend it carelessly in the hope that someone will lend them enough to get through to the end of the month. As government employees they are inefficient because of their superficial education. Even those with executive positions postpone decisions on insignificant matters because they are afraid to assume responsibility.

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